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FRANKFURT FOR MATHIS

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TAGS: CGEN 'HANFF, KONSTANTY ZYGFRYD)
SUBJ: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: UNITED STATES V. HANFF

RER: (A) STATE 303909, (B) USBERLIN 1469 (NOTAL)

1. BERLIN DOCUMENT CENTER (BDC) RECHECK, REQUESTED REFTEL A
PARA C IS NEGATIVE RPT NEGATIVE. BDC HAS NO RPT NO
RECORDS ON HANFF AND THUS CANNOT RPT CANNOT AUTHENTICATE
(A) HANFF'S APPLICATION FOR GERMAN CITIZENSHIP, (B) HANFF'S
APPLICATION FOR NCO STATUS IN WEHRMACHT, NOR (C) ISSUANCE
OF "ALIEN PASSPORT AT BERLIN BY GERMAN GOVERNMENT IN 1943."

2. AS CONSEQUENCE OF INQUIRIES POSED REFTEL A, USBER
CONTACTED A MR. HERMANN, DIRECTOR OF THE DIENSTESTELLE
WEHRMACHT RECORDS WHICH IS SITUATION IN BERLIN. FROM
WAST RECORDS, HERMANN PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION
AND COMMENTARY ON HANFF:

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27.4.1944
HANFF WAS INDUCTED INTO GRENADIER-EINSATZ-UND-AUSBILDUNGS-BATTA-
LION 151
2.6.1944
TRANSFERRED TO 7TH COMPANY, FELDAUS-BILDUNGS-GRENADIER-
REGIMENT 716

28.10.1944

TRANSFERRED TO 4TH MASCHINENGEWAEHR COMPANY, INFANTERIE-ERSATZ-BATTALION 500 (ACCORDING TO MR. HERMANN, THIS WAS A (BEWAEHRUNGS" UNIT THAT CONTAINED A LARGE PROPORTION OF CRIMINAL ELEMENTS; HERMANN CONCLUDES FROM THIS THAT HANFF MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING SERIOUS BETWEEN JUNE AND OCTOBER IN ORDER TO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THIS UNIT)

HANFF WAS NEVER A NCO; HE WAS A SCHUTZE (THE LOWEST RANK)
PARENTS: HANFF'S MOTHER MARIE LIVED IN WARSAW IN 1944.
HANFF'S FATHER PAUL LIVED IN BAD WIESSEE IN BAVARIA IN 1956.
HANFF PRESUMABLY REMAINED IN THE LAST ABOVE-NAMED UNIT UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR; AFTER THE WAR HIS FAMILY REPORTED HIM AS "VERMISST".

3. BY LETTER DATED 12 DECEMBER, T.W. MATHIS, OIC, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AMCONSUL FRANKFURT HAS POSED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS TO DIRECTOR BDC CONCERNING POSSIBLE AUTHENTICITY OF HANFF'S RECORDS. WITH HIS ANSWER TO MATHIS, BDC DIRECTOR HAS ENCLOSED CERTIFIED COPIES OF WAST DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON FOR INFORMATION REPORTED PARA 2 THIS MESSAGE. MATHIS MAY WISH PASS THEM RECORDS ONTO COMPETENT JUSTICE OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.

4. WITH RESPECT TO A SCHOOL FOR MILITARY INTERPRETERS, HERMANN REPORTED THAT THERE WAS A 2ND DOLMETSCHER KOMPANIE
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DES WEHRREISES III IN BERLIN-LICHTERFELDE. HANFF'S NAME DOES NOT RPT NOT APPEAR IN RECORDS CONNECTED WITH THE UNIT, WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE CONSISTED ONLY OF ACTIVE-DUTY PERSONNEL.

5. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ABOVE INFORMATION FROM WAST POST-DATES PERIOD OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INQUIRY. INFORMATION DOES SUPPORT VIEW HOWEVER, THAT HANFF WAS NOT REPEAT NOT IN WEHRMACHT BEFORE APRIL 1944.GEORGE

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